

## NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT

April 11, 2005

Mr. Joseph A. Ingrassia  
Procurement Services Manager  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 South Cass Avenue  
Argonne, IL 60439

Subject: Assignment of Contract with IBM for Purchase of Personal Computer Products

Reference: ICPT BOA No. 41-00941 between Argonne National Laboratory and IBM Corporation

Dear Mr. Ingrassia:

In December, IBM changed the dynamics of the PC marketplace by announcing the combination of its PC Division with Lenovo, the leading IT company in China, and the creation of a long-term strategic alliance between IBM and Lenovo.

The new Lenovo will be a customer-focused company with extraordinary resources and broad reach, providing customers with the innovative PCs and best-in-class customer service that you have always demanded. Standing with this new company will be IBM, as a major shareholder, strategic partner and preferred supplier of services and financing to Lenovo. In short, the new Lenovo will offer top-notch products, lowest total-cost of ownership, high productivity and the world-class support of IBM.

The integration of the two companies is well underway. As part of our commitment to make this transition as seamless as possible for you, our valued customer, we want to inform you that, in accordance with this announcement and our applicable agreements, IBM hereby notifies you that if and when the closing conditions are satisfied and the sale of the PC divisions is completed, this letter constitutes an assignment of your contract with IBM relating to PC products and services from IBM to the applicable Lenovo organization or subsidiary effective on the closing date of Lenovo's purchase of the assets and customer contracts relating to PC products and services. Based on current plans, we anticipate that the closing for IBM U. S. A. will take place on April 30, 2005.

As of closing, the applicable Lenovo organization or subsidiary will assume on a going forward basis all of the rights, obligations and responsibilities under your contract in place of IBM for the PC products and services that will now be offered by the applicable Lenovo organization or subsidiary, and IBM will be released from its obligations regarding Lenovo PC products and services.

Please be aware that, effective with the closing, IBM's agreements with its business partners used to fulfill ICPT PC orders will be assigned or partially assigned to Lenovo as well. These business partners will continue to be able to accept orders for PC products under ICPT on an ongoing basis.

Existing warranty (including warranty upgrades) and maintenance responsibilities are not being assigned. Thus, for products you acquired prior to closing, the IBM warranty applicable at the time of purchase will continue to apply after closing, with warranty service continuing to be provided by IBM. Maintenance on IBM PC products which was contracted with IBM prior to closing will also continue to be provided by IBM after closing. Warranty for products acquired after closing and PC product maintenance contracted with Lenovo after closing will be the responsibility of the applicable Lenovo organization or subsidiary.

Following the closing, communications relating to Lenovo products and services will come from your applicable Lenovo organization or subsidiary, including technical information, pricing, service offerings, modifications to terms and conditions, and any other notices required under the terms of the assigned contracts. This includes online, electronic and hard-copy notices. After closing, all references to IBM in your contract for Lenovo products and services shall be deemed to be references to your applicable Lenovo organization or subsidiary and your ongoing contractual relationship for Lenovo products and services will be between you and the applicable Lenovo organization or subsidiary instead of IBM.

Please indicate your consent to the assignment by entering your signature below and return a signed copy to me at the above address.

Should you have any questions in connection with this letter, please contact your IBM representative Joe Ellington at 301-803-6326.

IBM and Lenovo thank you for giving us the opportunity to help your business succeed, and we look forward to serving you in the future.

Sincerely,



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#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We consent to the assignment and other transactions as described above.

Signature:  \_\_\_\_\_

Name (please print): JOSEPH A INGRASSIA

Title: Procurement Service Manager Dated: 4/20/2005